



AXBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1967

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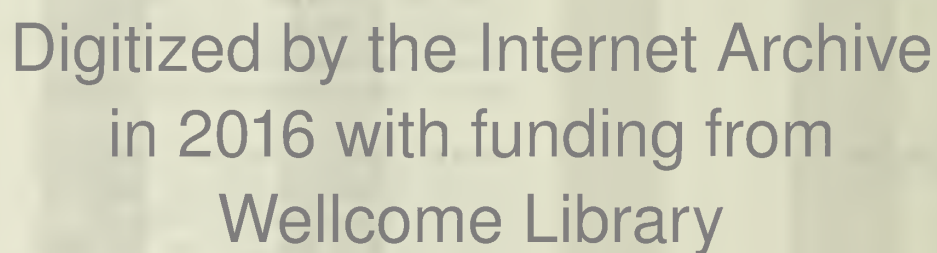
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AXBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1967

To: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
AXBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report on the health of the District, and the work of the Public Health Department in 1967.

I would like to express my appreciation to Mr. Ellis, the Chief Public Health Inspector, and the other Inspectors for their help and co-operation during the year.

I would also thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and the Officers and Staff of other Departments for their advice and assistance.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

D. McGOWAN

Medical Officer of Health

October, 1968

# SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

## General Statistics

Area of District	90,956 acres
Population: 1931 Census	22,076
" 1951 "	26,535
" 1961 "	30,796
Registrar General's Estimate for Mid 1967	35,700
Rateable Value (1.4.68)	£1,329,863
Number of Inhabited Houses	11,717

## Extracts from Vital Statistics for Year 1967

### LIVE BIRTHS:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	270	278	548
Illegitimate	18	17	35
	<u>288</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>583</u>

LIVE BIRTHS RATE: (per 1,000 population) = 16.3

CORRECTED BIRTH RATE: (Comparability Factor 1.15) = 18.8

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS: (per cent of total live births) = 6.0%

### STILL BIRTHS:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	5	2	7
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>

STILL BIRTH RATE: (per 1,000 live and still births) = 11.9

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS: 590

### INFANT DEATHS: (Deaths under 1 year)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	9	4	13
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>13</u>

### INFANT MORTALITY RATES

TOTAL INFANT DEATHS ( per 1,000 live births) = 22.3

LEGITIMATE INFANT DEATHS (per 1,000 Legitimate live births) = 23.7

ILLEGITIMATE INFANT DEATHS (per 1,000 Illegitimate live births) = Nil

NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE (per 1,000 live births) = 13.7

EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births) = 12.

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births) = 25.4

MATERNAL DEATHS = Nil

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE (per 1,000 live and still births) = Nil

DEATHS:

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
208	165	373

UNCORRECTED DEATH RATE: (per 1,000 population) = 10.4

CORRECTED DEATH RATE: (comparability Factor 0.94) = 9.8

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:

The Registrar General gives the corrected number of live births in the District as 583 (288 boys and 295 girls), this being 48 births more than in 1966. Of these births 35 were illegitimate.

The uncorrected birth rate for 1967 was 16.3 and when the comparability factor (1.15) is applied, the corrected birth rate was 18.8 per 1,000 of the total population compared with 18.5 in 1966. The birth rate for England and Wales in 1967 was 17.2.

BIRTH RATES

<u>Year:</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
England and Wales	16.4	16.5	17.1	17.4	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.1	17.7	17.2
Axbridge Rural District	16.4	14.9	18.0	15.2	18.8	18.1	19.0	19.9	18.5	18.8

STILL BIRTHS:

The registered number of still births in 1967 was 7 of which none were illegitimate, thus giving a still birth rate of 11.9 per 1,000 total births.

DEATHS:

After correction for transferable deaths the net total assigned to the District by the Registrar General was 373 (208 males and 165 females). This is 25 less than in 1966 and gives an uncorrected death rate of 10.4). When adjusted for age and sex distribution to make it comparable with other districts, the death rate was 9.8 per 1,000 of total population compared with 11.2 for England and Wales as a whole.



The following table shows the causes of death in 1967:-

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	1	1
Other infections and parasitic diseases	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, Stomach	2	2	4
Malignant neo-plasm, Lung, Bronchus	13	1	14
Malignant neoplasm, Breast	-	6	6
Malignant neoplasm, Uterus	-	2	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic neoplasms	21	19	40
Leukaemia, Alukaemia	2	1	3
Diabetes	1	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	24	43	67
Coronary Disease, Angina	59	20	79
Hypertension with heart disease	4	7	11
Other Heart Diseases	22	22	44
Other circulatory disease	9	12	21
Influenza	1	-	1
Pneumonia	9	5	14
Bronchitis	5	2	7
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	3	6
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	2	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	2	2	4
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	19	11	30
Motor vehicle accidents	2	-	2
All other accidents	4	-	4
Suicide	4	2	6
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
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All cases - <u>Total</u> =	208	165	373
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SEX AND AGE DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS 1967

<u>Ages at Death in Years</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 1	9	4	13
1 - 4	1	3	4
5 - 14	1	-	1
15 - 24	2	-	2
25 - 34	3	-	3
35 - 44	7	3	10
45 - 54	12	10	22
55 - 64	36	31	67
65 - 74	58	28	86
75 and over	79	86	165
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	208	165	373
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## MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no deaths from maternal causes in 1967.

## INFANT MORTALITY

Thirteen children (9 boys and 4 girls) under the age of one year, died in 1967. This gives an Infant Mortality Rate of 22.3 per 1,000 live births. Details of the causes of death and the age at death are as follows:-

Causes of Death	Under 1 day	1-7 days	1-4 wks	Total under 1 month	1 - 3 mnths	3 - 6 mnths	6 - 9 mnths	9-12 mnths	Total under 1 year
Prematurity	1	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Congenital Defects	1	1	1	3	1	-	-	-	4
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Chickenpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Other causes	1	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	3
	3	4	1	8	2	2	-	1	13

## WATER SUPPLIES

No shortage of water supplies was reported from any part of the District in 1967.

Every parish has a piped main water supply and 11,620 houses are supplied directly in this way by the Bristol Waterworks Company. However, although every parish has a main water supply, not every house can be supplied directly from the mains and there are still 97 houses in the District relying on other sources. Three are supplied from a main water standpipe, sixty-two depend on wells, twentytwo on springs and ten depend on collected rain water. During the year two wells were closed.

Bacteriological and chemical sampling of public supplies is carried out by the Bristol Waterworks Company, but some individual sampling is also done by the Council's Public Health Department. The results of such sampling are given in the Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

## SEWAGE DISPOSAL

(a) During 1967 the following major sewerage scheme was completed in the District:-

1. Banwell to Langford Sewerage Scheme	<u>Cost</u> £157,000
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(b) Work in Progress during 1967

1. Winscombe - sewer extension at Parsons Way and Sandford	£8,700
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(c) Future Proposals

1. Kewstoke (including Sand Bay)
2. Banwell to Langford, Phase 2, serving the villages of Sandford, Churchill and Lower Langford.

3. Brent Area, serving Brent Knoll, East Brent and Lympsham.
4. Cheddar, new sewage disposal works and other improvements to convey larger flows to new works.
5. Shipham
6. Winscombe new sewage disposal works
7. Compton Bishop, Cross Area
8. Weare, Upper and Lower Weare
9. Axbridge, extension of sewage disposal works to accommodate flows from Cross to Weare.

The following parishes in the District have main drainage and sewage disposal systems: Axbridge, Banwell (sewage disposal affected by new proposals), Berrow, Bleadon, Brean, Brent Knoll (small part), Cheddar, Congresbury, Hutton, Kewstoke (small part), Locking, Mark (small part), Shipham (part), Wedmore, Winscombe and Wrington.

#### HOUSING

New Houses built by		
	Local Authority	Private Enterprise
1957	112	124
1958	34	145
1959	11	181
1960	9	284
1961	8	290
1962	29	247
1963	25	296
1964	24	444
1965	62	434
1966	17	328
1967	38	333
	369	3,106

During the year 38 houses were built by the Local Authority, bringing the total number of houses owned by the District Council to 1,763. At the end of the year there were 519 applicants for Council housing compared with 383 in December 1966. Of these 519 applicants, 159 were considered to be urgent cases and 81 were applicants for Old People's Dwellings. In 1967 333 houses were built by private enterprise.

#### INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the notifications of infectious diseases in the District during the year:-

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total cases notified</u>
Measles	571
Scarlet Fever	13
Diphtheria	-
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-
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<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total cases notified</u>
Meningococcal Infection	-
Dysentery	1
Whooping Cough	4
Acute Primary Pneumonia )	
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia)	2
Acute Encephalitis	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-
Erysipelas	4
Food Poisoning	3
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	2
Tuberculosis - Non-Respiratory	-
Anthrax	-

Measles was prevalent among children during the year and the number of cases notified (571) was the highest since 1961 when 442 cases were notified. The year was also unusual in that two infant deaths were caused by common infectious diseases, one being due to measles, and the other to chickenpox. To show the comparative variety of deaths under the age of one year from these causes, in 1966 in England and Wales, out of 16,147 deaths of children under the age of one year, there were only 18 deaths due to measles and 5 due to chickenpox.

The only other infectious disease which caused concern during the year was infective hepatitis (jaundice), in the Blagdon area. In December, 1966, a child attending Blagdon Primary School developed infective hepatitis and during the next six months further cases occurred, both in the school and in the Blagdon area generally. By June, 1967, when the school closed, 34 children and one school teacher had developed the infection, but in addition, other cases were reported both in family contacts of school children, and in households where there was no obvious connection with the school. A few more cases were reported during July when the epidemic eventually petered out. Infective hepatitis was not a notifiable disease in 1967, although it now has been made "notifiable" (June, 1968). However, family doctors attending patients in the area, informed the Health Department as cases occurred, and it is probable that about sixty cases occurred during the epidemic. Most of the cases were comparatively mild, but some were severe enough to be admitted to hospital.

#### B.C.G. VACCINATION

B.C.G. vaccination raises the immunity of school leavers to tuberculosis, and is offered to twelve year old children attending schools in the North-West Divisional Area. The children are first given a skin test with tuberculin (Heaf Test) and a week later the skin reaction is read. If the reaction is negative, the children are then vaccinated. Children with a positive Heaf Test do not require vaccination.

In 1967, 843 children were Heaf tested and of these 70 (8.3%) were found to be positive. The remaining 773 were vaccinated with B.C.G.

#### LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES

The County Council, as the Local Health Authority, is responsible for the provision of a number of personal health services, mainly connected with maternity and child welfare, the School Health Service and mental health. Child welfare Clinics are held in twelve villages in the District. In 1966 a scheme of "attachment" of District Nurses to the practices of general medical practitioners was started and is proving most successful.

## HOSPITALS

The building of Phase I (Maternity Unit) of the new District General Hospital is due to start about 1970. We hope that Phase II will follow on as soon as possible.

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AXBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the Year 1967 :

HOUSING

The following tables indicate the progress made during the year in dealing with sub-standard houses:-

Discretionary Improvement Grants

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Rejected</u>
Position at 31st December, 1966	568 applications (633 dwellings)	553 applications (616 dwellings)	15 applications (17 dwellings)
Applications dealt with during 1967	22 applications (24 dwellings)	20 applications (22 dwellings)	2 applications (2 dwellings)
Position at 31st December, 1967	590 applications (657 dwellings)	573 applications (638 dwellings)	17 applications (19 dwellings)

Standard Improvement Grants

	<u>Applications Received</u>	<u>Applications Approved</u>	<u>Applications Rejected</u>
Position at 31st December, 1966	166	158	8
Applications dealt with during 1967	23	23	-
Position at 31st December, 1967	189	181	8

Rural Housing Survey

During the year 31 surveyed houses were made fit compared with 34 in 1966. 15 houses were demolished or closed during the year. The summary of categories, revised to December, 1967, is as follows:-

Number of properties satisfactory in all respects 1,164  
(Category 1)

Number of properties with minor defects 515  
(Category 2)



Number of properties requiring major repair of structural alterations (Category 3)	2,008
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Number of properties unfit for habitation and incapable of repair at reasonable cost (Category 5)	178
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Statutory Action under the Provisions of  
the Housing Acts

During the year, statutory action under the provisions of Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957, was instituted in respect of 10 dwellings. The result of such action is summarised as follows:-

Cases under consideration at 31.12.66	18
<u>During 1967</u>	
Demolition Orders made	1
Closing Orders made	3
Undertakings accepted not to use premises for human habitation until made fit	6
Undertakings accepted to make premises fit	Nil
Cases under consideration at 31.12.67	18

OVERCROWDING

On the 31st December, 1967, there were 4 cases of statutory overcrowding on the Register

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

A.	Number of licensed caravan sites (more than one caravan)	(a) Residential	7
		(b) Holiday	63
	Total number of caravans permitted on these sites	(a) Residential	388
		(b) Holiday	2,910
B.	Number of licensed caravan sites (single caravans)	(a) Residential	24
		(b) Holiday	7
C.	Number of tented sites licensed during the year		9
	Number of tents permitted on these sites		478



## FOOD PREMISES

Details of the number of routine inspections of food premises are given in the summary at the end of this report.

No statutory proceedings were instituted during the year.

Particulars of the various types of food premises in the District are given below:-

<u>Number of Food Premises in Area (excluding registered dairy premises)</u>	No. of premises fitted to comply with Reg.16	No. of premises to which Reg. 19 applies	No. of premises fitted to comply with Reg.19
<b>A. <u>Food Manufacturing Premises</u></b>			
Edible Fat Refineries	2	2	2
Cheese Straw Factory	1	1	1
Cheese Factories	3	3	3
Bakers	8	8	8
<b>B. <u>Retail Shops</u></b>			
Grocers	144	144	-
Confectioners	40	40	-
Butchers	22	22	22
Fishmongers & Greengrocers (combined)	4	4	4
Greengrocers	13	13	-
Dairies	3	3	3
<b>C. <u>Catering Premises</u> (including licensed premises)</b>	182	179	182
<b>D. <u>Premises registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food &amp; Drugs Act, 1955 (excluding premises used for the Manufacture, Storage and Sale of Ice-Cream)</u></b>			
Sausage making	16	16	16
Fish Frying	5	5	5
<b>E. <u>MILK AND DAIRIES</u></b>			
Number of registered Dairies	7		
Number of Milk Distribu- tors	96		

## ICE CREAM

The Ice-Cream manufactured in the District is manufactured in accordance with the provisions of the Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment etc.) Regulations, 1947 to 1952 in a preparation room which has been specially adapted for the purpose.

Number of premises registered for the manufacture of Ice- Cream (complete cold mix)	1
Number of premises registered for the sale of Ice-Cream	212

### WATER SUPPLIES

The following is a summary of the results of the bacteriological examination of the monthly water samples taken from the public supplies. All these supplies are chlorinated:-

	<u>Probable No. of Coliform</u> <u>Bacilla MacConkey 2 days</u> <u>37°C</u>	
	<u>0 per 100 ml.</u>	<u>1 per 100 ml.</u>
Cheddar and Axbridge	12 samples	
South Mendip (Cross)	12 samples	
South Mendip (Dunyeatt)	11 samples	1 sample
North Mendip (Rowberrow)	12 samples	
Burrington	12 samples	
Twin Brook Adit	12 samples	
Blagdon	12 samples	
Kewstoke	12 samples	
North Mendip (Chelvey)	12 samples	
	<u>107 samples</u>	<u>1 sample</u>

A sample of water from each of the above supplies were submitted for chemical analysis during the year. All these samples were reported upon by the Analyst as being free from plumbo-solvency or other harmful contamination.

47 samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination from private premises not receiving a supply from the public mains. 20 of these samples proved to be unsatisfactory. 7 houses were provided with a supply of water from the public main in substitution for a supply from a private source.

### UN SOUND FOOD SURRENDERED OR CONDEMNED

(Excluding meat at Slaughterhouses)

Meat at retail premises	- 10 lbs.
Cooked meat and meat products	- Nil
Canned Meats and Fish	- 4 cwts. 80 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.
Canned Fruit and Vegetables	- 4 cwts. 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Raw Vegetables	- Nil
Other Foods	- 12 lbs.



# MEAT INSPECTION

The two private slaughterhouses licensed in the District continued in operation throughout the year.

There are no poultry processing establishments in the District.

The following table gives particulars of carcasses and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part during the year:

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	138	-	4	453	266	Nil
Number Inspected	138	-	4	453	266	Nil
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	51	-	-	29	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	37.0	-	-	6.4	0.4	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Weight of meat condemned (in lbs.) for :-</u>						
(a) Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Cysticercosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Other	470	-	-	29½	1½	-
Total (in lbs.) condemned	470	-	-	29½	1½	-

### CESSPOOL EMPTYING

With only one cesspool emptying vehicle now in regular use, some overtime working was necessary during the year.

Total number of septic tanks and settlement tanks emptied during the year	1,233
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### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The first of the three phases which will ultimately result in a weekly refuse collection throughout the District, was implemented during the year.

A special collection service for bulky refuse was commenced during the year. Reasonable amounts of bulky house refuse are collected free of charge.

Number of Refuse Vehicles in operation	... 8 (+ 1 stand-by)
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Estimated amount of refuse collected during the year	11,314 tons
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Total amount of salvaged  
material disposed of  
during the year:-

	Tons	Cwts	Qrs.	£.	s.	d.
(a) Paper and Cardboard	14	11	3	22.	0.	1.
(b) Rags	3	16	2	91.	16.	0.
(c) Non-ferrous metals	2	7	1	212.	12.	6.

### NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

The complaints of noise nuisance received during the year both related to barking dogs in boarding kennels.

No. of complaints received	2
No. of complaints investigated	2
Total number of visits	12
Abatement notices served	Nil



THE OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following is a copy of the report submitted to the Minister of Labour for the year ending 31st December, 1967:-

A. Registration and General Inspections

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered during Year	Total No. of registered premises at end of Year	No. of registered premises receiving general inspections during Year
Offices	4	63	63
Retail Shops	10	142	142
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	9	9
Catering establishments open to the public, Canteens	1	43	43
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	15	257	257

B. Number of Visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises ..... 356

C. Analysis of persons employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

Offices	296	
Retail Shops	330	
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	68	
Catering establishments open to the public	192	
Canteens	9	
Fuel Storage Depots	-	
TOTAL:-	895	Males: 359 Females: 536

D. Exemptions (relating to all classes of premises)

Space, Temperature, Sanitary Conveniences, Washing Facilities

No. of exemptions current at 31.12.67	Nil
No. of exemptions granted or extended during year	Nil
No. of applications refused or exemptions withdrawn during year	Nil
No. of cases where employees opposed application	Nil
No. of Appeals to Court made	Nil
No. of Appeals to Court allowed	Nil

E. Prosecutions

<u>Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in the Year</u>	Nil
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F. Number of Inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act 4

<u>Number of other Staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act</u>	Nil
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SUPPLEMENT TO ANNUAL RETURN ON FORM O.S.14  
YEAR ENDING 31.12.1967

OVERCROWDING - The three cases of statutory overcrowding in offices noted in last year's report have been abated either by extension to, or re-arrangement of the offices concerned.

TEMPERATURE - Temperatures maintained in office premises and catering establishments were found to be generally satisfactory. The, by now, well known difficulties in dealing with temperatures in shop premises, were again encountered. It is interesting to note that very rarely did employees regard the temperature in shops as being too low for comfort.

VENTILATION - Ventilation of registered premises was found to be generally satisfactory.

LIGHTING - Quite apart from any action taken on inspection, there appears to be a general improvement in lighting standards.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES - Sanitary accommodation in registered premises is generally satisfactory.

WASHING FACILITIES - Hand washing facilities in registered premises are generally satisfactory.

ACCIDENTS - Although the number of accidents notified during the year was double the figure for 1966, it appears not that more accidents actually occurred but that employers are now more aware of their obligation to notify accidents.

DEFECTS REMEDIED AS THE RESULT OF INFORMAL ACTION

Abstracts provided	53
Overcrowding abated	3
Heating improved	-
Ventilation improved	-
Thermometers provided	19
Lighting improved	3
Floor and steps repaired	2
Seating improved	-
Machine guarding improved	4
Staircase - handrails provided	1
First Aid Kits provided	28
Washing facilities provided or improved	3
Sanitary accommodation provided or improved	1

ACCIDENTS

Number of accidents reported	12
Number of accidents requiring investigation and investigated	4



RODENT CONTROL

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

	<u>NON</u> <u>AGRICULTURAL</u>	<u>AGRICULTURAL</u>
A. Total number of premises (including nearby properties) inspected following notification	824	48
Number infested by (1) Rats	457	31
(2) Mice	23	Nil
B. Total number of properties inspected for rats and mice for reason other than notification	205	76
Number infested by (1) Rats	27	30
(2) Mice	1	Nil
C. Number of sewerage systems test baited		17
Number of sewerage systems needing treatment and treated for rat infestation		2
D. Number of Council owned properties (excluding Council Houses) treated for rat infestation		38
Number of treatments of Council owned properties for rat infestation		41

# FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

## Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

### Part I of the Act

#### 1. INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions of health

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
		Inspections			
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	5		Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	118	127		Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers' Premises)	5	3		Nil	Nil
TOTALS:-	129	135		Nil	Nil

#### 2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

	Number of cases in which defects were found				
	Found	Remedied	Referred:		Number of cases in which prosecu- tions were instituted
			To H.M. Insp.	By H.M. Insp.	
Want of Cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:-	4	3	-	-	-

### PART VIII of the Act Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)

		Section 133		Section 134		
	No. of out- workers in August list required by Sec.133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
Dressing Dolls	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
All other classifications	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTALS:	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil



SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT BY OR UNDER THE  
SUPERVISION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

Total number of inspections made (including re-inspections)	4,525
Total number of houses and premises inspected	2,243

Number of inspections made of, and visits paid to:-

Dwelling houses	1,849
Food premises and Catering establishment (Food & Drugs Act)	770
Caravan Sites and Moveable Dwellings	580
Factories	135
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	356
Ice-Cream Premises	28
Dairies	51
Drainage Systems	235
Swill Boiling Plants	12
Agricultural Holdings	55
Premises as the result of complaints of nuisance	414
Premises in connection with water supplies	40
Tests of swimming Bath Water	71
Investigations into cases of infectious diseases and food poisoning	79
Premises, disinfested or disinfected	19
Drain tests of Drainage Systems believed to be defective	13
Smoke observations	1
Samples of faeces submitted for laboratory examination	90

In conclusion I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support and the Medical Officer of Health, the other Chief Officers of the Council and the staff of the Public Health Department for their co-operation and assistance during the year.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. ELLIS

Chief Public Health  
Inspector

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